

JESUS IS THE LIFE

JOHN 14.6

I. The S_____ of Life

A. Source of P_____ Life

John 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Col. 1:16 By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.

Heb. 1:2 ...in these last days he (the Father) has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 10 You, Lord (a reference to Jesus Christ), laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Rev. 4:11 Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Heb. 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

B. Source of S_____ Life

Eph. 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.

John 20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 5:21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live...”

1John 5:12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

II. The S_____ of Life

A. Preservation

Col. 1:17 And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (are held together).

Heb. 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

B. Provision

John 6:35 Jesus said, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.... 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Matt. 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

2 Cor. 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

III. The S_____ of Life

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

2 Tim. 1:9 (God) saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

1 John 4:14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

IV. The S_____ of Life

1 Thess. 5:23 Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. 24 God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

John 5:17 Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

Acts 17:28 In him we live and move and have our being.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one.

John 11:26 Everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST

I. S_____ Life

Matt. 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

John 4:14 Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

Matt. 6:31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" 32 For the nations seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Phil. 4:11 I am not speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

1 Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him, and though you do not see him now, but believe in him, you greatly rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

II. S_____ Life

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 6:37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

John 6:65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." 66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Phil. 1:6 I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

III. S_____ Life

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

1 Cor. 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Heb. 2:11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,

Heb. 10:10 ... we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

IV. S_____ Life

John 8:28-29 I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.... For I do always those things that please him.

Rom. 6:13 Neither yield ye your members [as] instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members [as] instruments of righteousness unto God.

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

HOW JOHN 14.6 RELATES TO TRUE LIFE

JESUS SAID, "I AM THE WAY..."

He is the way into the kingdom of God. He is our c_____ to the Father.

We are **True** Life church, because we are rooted in this doctrine – that no man comes to the Father but through Christ.

We are f_____ in Christ.

TLC – The Living Christ

JESUS SAID, "I AM THE TRUTH..."

Jesus doesn't just lead us to the truth – He **is** the truth of the kingdom." He grows us and matures us and forms us within the c_____ of the church.

We are True **Life** Church – committed to the principles of discipleship within the context of the body of Christ.

We are f_____ in community.

TLC – The Loving (or Learning) Community

JESUS SAID, "I AM THE LIFE."

He c_____ out the mission of the kingdom through us.

We are True Life **Church**. Our lives are surrendered to His will and to the Great Commission to serve as His ambassadors as we live our lives before and among the people of the world.

We are f_____ in commitment.

TLC – The Lasting (or Life-long) Commitment

And nothing could be more appropriate than the **TREE** in our logo.

You remember that all of man's problems began with a tree – at least, with man's disobedience to God's command to leave a particular tree untouched.

This week, many of us finished reading the book of Exodus.

Exodus 15.22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

Because of the sin of Adam, all men must drink of the bitter waters of life and suffer the penalty of death.

But praise God the story does not stop there.

1 Peter 2:24 Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

The tree reminds us of...

- Christ our **S**_____ and the sacrifice He made on behalf of all sinners at Calvary.
- Growth – of **s**_____ growth and discipleship and sanctification – of being transformed into the image of Christ through His word.
- The world to whom we are obligated to **s**_____ the message of the good news of Jesus Christ.



Founded in Christ • Formed in Community • Faithful in Commitment